Hawley Borough Council Meeting

December 11, 2024 7:00pm

94 Main Avenue

Present from Council were President Monaghan, Vice President Herzog, and Councilpersons Hawk, Mead, and Rojas. Councilperson Dougherty was absent for personal reasons. Councilperson Faubel was absent for medical reasons. Also present were Mayor Nichols, Chief Drake, Director of Public Works Mead, Solicitor Weed, and Secretary Racht. Present from the public was Peter Becker of TriCounty Independent. President Monaghan began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda with flexibility.

Motion: made by Councilperson Hawk, seconded by Councilperson Mead, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes from the November 13 Council meeting.

Correspondence: on file.

Treasurer’s report: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Mead, and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer’s report.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to pay the bills as on the bills list. There were no additions.

Park and Rec: Vice President Herzog said that they had not met because there was no quorum.

Planning: Councilperson Mead reported that no meeting had been held.

Rental Inspection: Councilperson Mead said the report was on file. Delinquent letters were being worked on.

Ambulance Report: The Comm Center 911 report on file. Mary Sanders attended the PPH meeting.

Fire Report: given by Chief Mead, on file.

Hawley Area Authority: report on file from President Monaghan. The Munich Street Project developers have been in contact. 837 Oakland was discussed.

Zoning Officer and Building Code Official: reports on file.

Grants: The American Rescue Plan funds have been completely used. Vice President Herzog mentioned that an outdoor town designation resolution had been passed months ago but Council was waiting for the template for the resolution. She wanted to re-ratify and approve Ann to sign the resolution. This is to apply for a grant from DCNR to pay a third party entity to facilitate three public meetings and to suggest a scope of work for an Outdoor Town designation. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Mead, and passed unanimously to apply for a DCNR grant in the amount of $18,000 to be matched with $2,000.

Emergency Management: Councilperson Hawk discussed the state of emergency services in Wayne County.

Public Presentation: At this point the Pirrone family attended briefly: Chris, Nicole, Thomas and Luella. A prize was presented by Chief Drake to Luella, winner of the Police Department drawing contest.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Nichols had nothing to report.

Solicitor’s Updates: Solicitor Weed is working on the Coach bus bankruptcy and is waiting to hear back from Richard Henry regarding the Gorge Trail agreement.

Finance Report: President Monaghan noted that Council had held a budget meeting. Council set either 5pm on Dec 20 or Dec 23 to hold a short meeting to pass an ordinance to reverse the previous tax ordinance.

Police Report: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog and seconded by Councilperson Rojas to as of April 1, 2025 to raise the meter fines from $5 to $10 for the first 24 hours, $25 for up to eight days, and fifty dollars thereafter. The motion passed with four yes and one no, from Councilperson Hawk. Meters will be bagged 21 December to January 4th.

Streets and Roads: Council had advertised for snow removal bids but only received one. President Monaghan opened the bid from Linde: $127 per hour for two triaxle truck, $127 per hour for one ton truck with a spreader, and $145 for a three and a half cubic loader including labor. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Mead and passed with four yes to accept the bid from Linde for snow removal as needed. Councilperson Hawk abstained.

Building: Director Mead had an electrician in to look at the panel.

Health and Welfare: Vice President Herzog had nothing to report.

Personnel: Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Hawk, and passed unanimously to approve the 2025 holiday list as presented.

Unfinished Business: Chief Drake noted that the giving tree had names on it.

New Business: Chief Drake spoke about trying to find a carnival for 2025.

Public comment: None.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Mead, and passed unanimously to adjourn. The time was 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Racht, Hawley Borough Secretary